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James F. Bennett  
Chief, Division of Environmental Assessment  
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Headquarters  
381 Elden Street  
Herndon, Virginia 20170

Dear Mr. Bennett:

In accordance with our responsibilities under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's (BOEM) final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Oil and Gas Leasing Program for 2012 to 2017 (CEQ No. 20120222).

EPA has no objection to the proposed action for the 15 lease sales in six of the OCS Planning Areas in the Gulf of Mexico and offshore Alaska during the period 2012 to 2017. Based on our review, we believe our previous comments have been addressed.

EPA appreciates the opportunity to review this final PEIS and we look forward to working with you in the future on the OCS program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan E. Bromm". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Susan E. Bromm  
Director  
Office of Federal Activities